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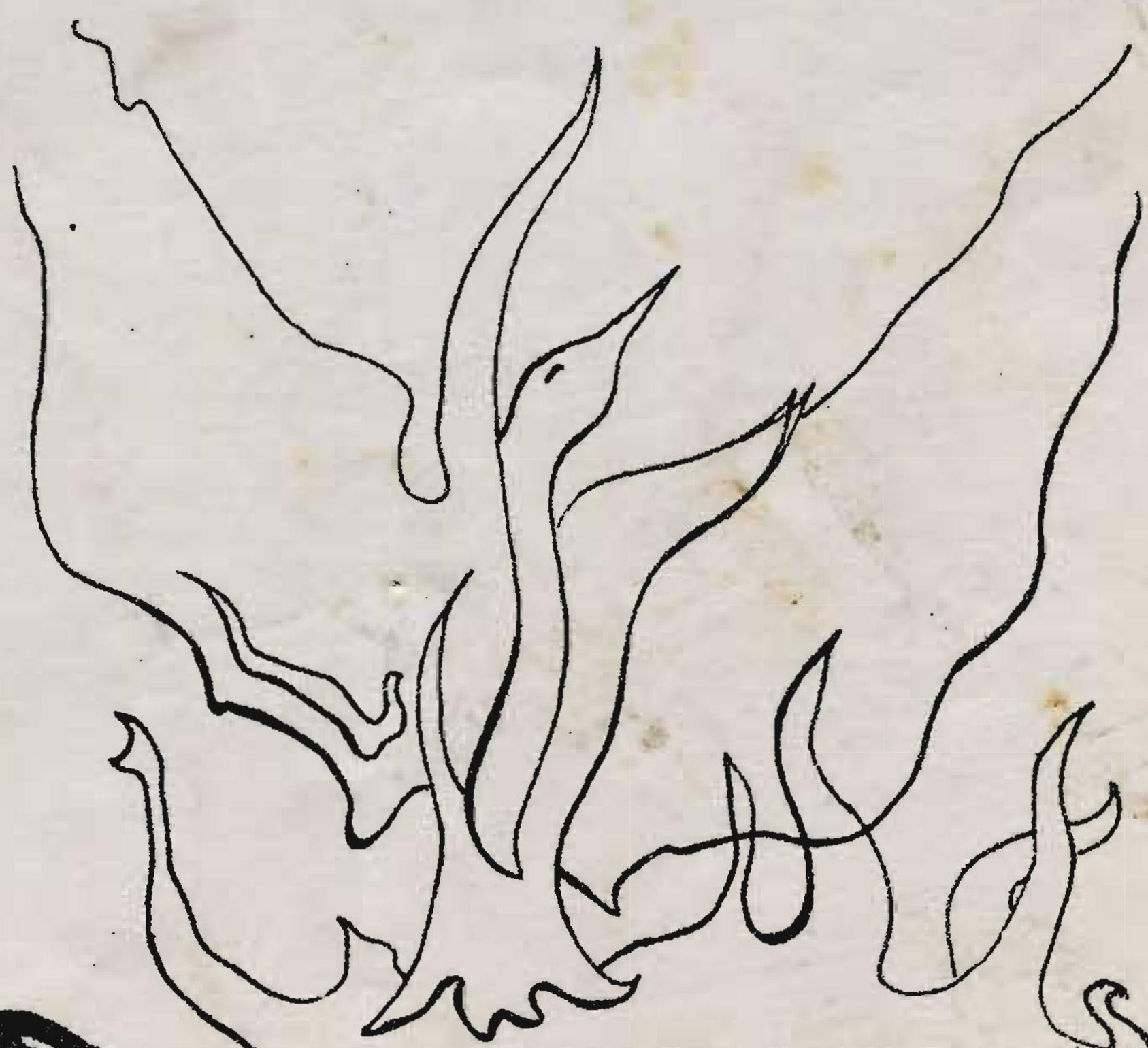

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The third issue of OSAWATOMIE, magazine of the Weather Underground Organization has been released. We understand that John Brown Book Club intends to continue re-printing the magazine. Issue #2 is still available from them at 30¢ per copy plus 20¢ postage for 5 or less. Ordered in bulk, 25¢ per copy includes postage. Their address is: JBBC, 6817 Greenwood Ave., N., Seattle, Washington 98103.

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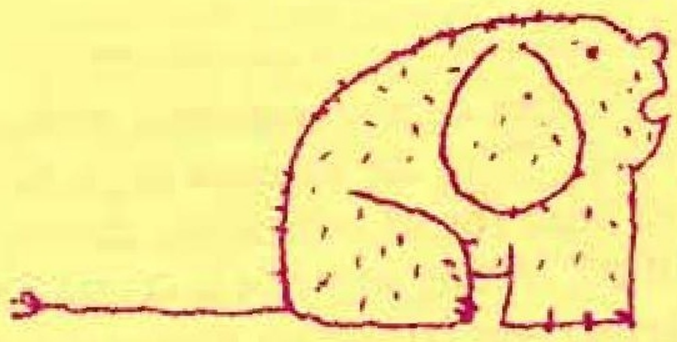


BARC

When we set out to begin doing Dragon, we decided that two of the principles involved would be that we would have to leave time and energy for our other political work (so that we would not become isolated from other aspects of the struggle) and economic (political) independence.

We find that we have rapidly approached our limit. Each issue has cost about $140. Much of this goes for postage. At this rate, we need about 30 NEW subscriptions per month to continue. Sales in bookstores are about 50/issue, which yields about $7.50. We have received about 25 paying subscriptions. In addition we have about 60 free subscriptions– mostly to prisoners. Several hundred unrequested copies of each issue have been mailed to a list of people and organizations. This latter group we will send no more issues to unless we hear from them.

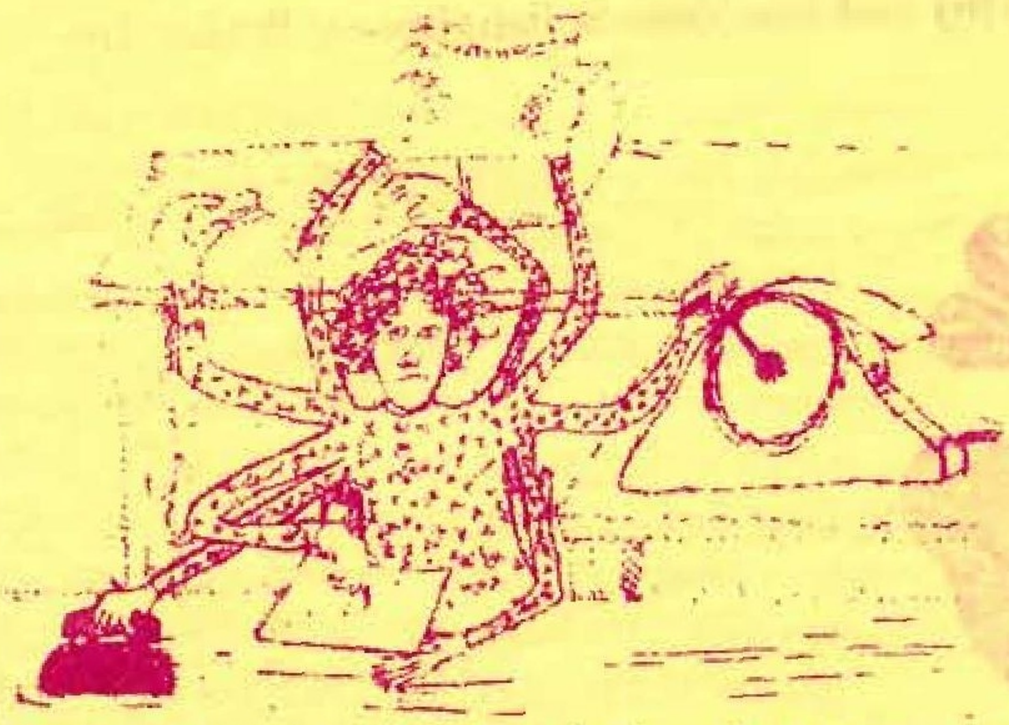
Originally we had intended about 1000 copies of 16-20 pages per each issue but have found ourselves with issues of 28-36 pages– still covering only a small part of what we'd like to print. The time it takes for typing, layout, mimeographing, collating, stapling, and folding is impressive. This must all be done on top of our other work– which in the past couple of weeks included leafletting, answering letters, organizing a rally in support of SLA and other comrades recently busted, working with other political groups, and dealing with pig harrassment– including the arrest of three of our people on bullshit charges. We believe the the capability to continue these functions absolutely must be maintained so that we do not become separated from our "content"– so that we neither lose perspective nor become "professionals", supporting struggles from a safe distance.

We are trying to explore ways of involving more comrades in Dragon. In addition we would like to go to paper-plate offset printing to save a lot of energy. This would cost us about $80 more per month (16 more subscriptions per month). If we do this we will maintain our capacity to go back to mimeograph anytime it becomes politically/economically necessary.

So, 50 new subs per issue would cover costs. To do this means comrades reading Dragon must show it to others and ask them to subscribe. We can't do it alone. If this happens, after 6 months (300 subs) we will still be giving away about 2/3 of our copies free.

Until now we have answered every letter and/or request for Dragon with a personal letter. From now on letters which only request Dragon we may not answer personally– again, a question of time.

We would very much appreciate all feedback on this from everyone.



There are some things you just can't do by yourself

THESE DAYS

On September 18, three members of the Symbionese Liberation Army: Tania, Emily and Bill Harris and two other comrades, Wendy Yoshimura and Steven Soliah were captured by the state. Our S.L.A. comrades were sucessfull in living undeground for over a year and a half despite a fanatically obsessed F.B.I. search for them which cost over a million and a half dollars and involved the questioning of 100,000 people.
We reaffirm our solidarity with the S.L.A. and are angered at their capture, although we know it will merely change the arena of their struggle, not lessen their ability to fight.

The media coverage of the events surrounding their capture has created an atmosphere of confusion and irrelevant speculation within the community. With all manners of reporters, psychologists, lawyers, and so-called radicals beside themselves with headline fever, the political context of the SLA has been distorted. The SLA is not a 'story' or a 'bizarre case'. The SLA is an organization which chooses to address the the terrorism of institutionalized poverty, neo-fascism in the schools, and, in general, the tyranny of a ruling class served by an inhumane bureaucracy through the use of revolutionary armed struggle. This manner of resistance has historically been necessary for any lasting revolutionary change and it should come as no surprise that the Amerikan ruling class is being so attacked.

Once again the pigs the Amerika and their media have made the mistake of confusing their own prospective demise with that of the revolutionary left. With the capture of SLA members, the witch hunt for all leftists has dramatically intensified. Along with these comrades, Wendy Yoshimura was busted on a several year old Berkeley charge of allegedly renting a garage where explosives were found. Immediately following their capture Steven Soliah was arrested and charged with harboring the SLA comrades and accessory after the fact (by virtue of harboring) in the SLA Hibernia bank robbery. With this as a base the dragnet began on three fronts. First the pigs claimed that virtually every "unsolved" armed action (and unidentified jaywalkers) on the west coast were the work of the SLA : All other guerrilla groups– including the New World Liberation Front, the Chicano Liberation Front, the Red Guerrilla Family, and the George Jackson Brigade were merely pseudonyms for the SLA. People were to conclude from this that with the capture of the "remaining" comrades, all of these groups had been destroyed. At the same time the pigs hoped to such these groups into premature adventuristic actions to show that they were still around. As with most of their other fantasies, this bore no fruit.

The second front on which the pigs attacked was a media blitz of leaks about various comrades who were rumored to be involved with the captured sisters and brothers. These included Kathy and Josephine Soliah, Bonnie Wilder, Jim

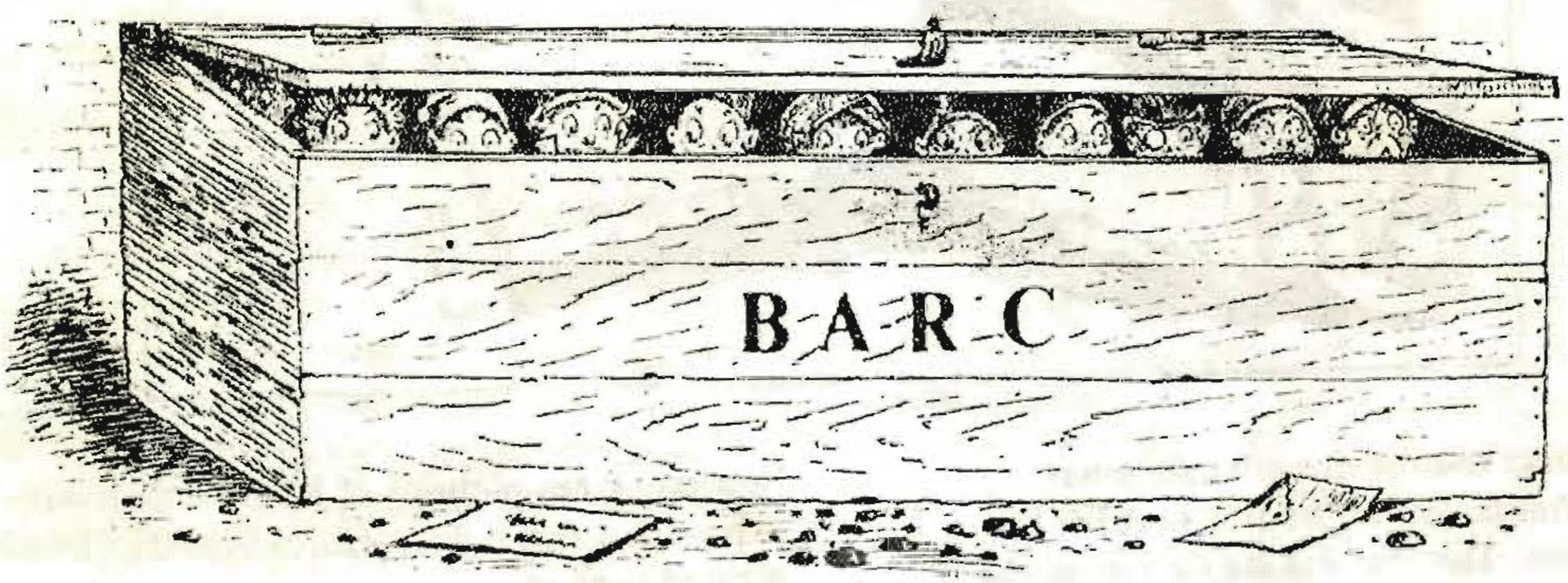
Kilgore, and Margaret Turcich. Most of these people have been involved in aboveground political work in the Bay Area and as such will be used as an excuse to further harrass the left through grand juries,bust, and rumors. To these comrades we send our warmest, deepest love. To all other sisters and brothers we say---let us learn from past mistakes and not play along with the man's game of isolating these comrades so as to make them easy targets for capture and/or execution. The true test of whether we are serious when we call each other sisters and brothers comes out in times of pig attempts at divisiveness.

The third aspect of the pig's attack was/is against aboveground individuals/groups with their initial thrust against those demonstrating any support for captured or wanted comrades. Our own case is typical (and singled out only because of our familiarity with it!) The night of the capture of our five comrades, a car with some members of BARC in it was stopped and illegally searched by seven pig cars and an ambulance in downtown Berkely . In subsequent days BARC members were followed to their attorney's office, stopped and hassled, visited by Don Jones (head fed in Berkeley), and finally busted. This last occured when over a half dozen pigs (mostly from the university---their actions being less accountable to the community, the FBI often uses them instead of city cops) came to one comrade's home in the middle of the afternoon, poked around the house, crawled around the bushes with walkie-talkies, handcuffed two women and took them away---the alleged crime being one of posting lea'tes a week earlier.

We expect this kind of bullshit to increase against all revolutionaries in the Bay Area. Such was what the pigs did after the capture of Russ Little and Joe Remiro when they went after many comrades, some with special vengeance such as (what was then) VVAW/WSO.

The lesson to all of us from both the recent past and revolutionary history in general is clear: we must stand united; we must not collaborate with the pigs or their media: we must protect each other. Any hesitancy on our part will be interpreted by the pigs as a sign of weakness and will be chosen by them as a target of especially severe hassle and intimidation.

To counter the attempt by the pigs to intimidate the left and convince people there was no support for the SLA, a rally was held in Berkeley on September 27, to support the SLA and all recently captured comrades. Sponsored by Prisoner Support Organization, National Lawyers Guild/Prison Task Force, United Prisoners Union, Prairie Fire Organizing, Committee, and BARC, this rally made a clear statement of support for guerrilla struggles as a necessary part of mass revolutionary work.



The prosecution of the remaining SLA members is being coveted by all manner of fame-seeking D.A.s. The attempt to save face in the light of SLA success is nowhere clearer than in the prosecution of Tania. In a curious (but not unlikely) combination of the Communist Party and the ruling class, a bunch of male lawyer heavies, fronted by Terrence Hallinan set out to present Tania as a mindless, feeble little girl. This portrayl of her, coupled with Hal-

linan's statements that he doesn't care what Patty wants, that he knows what is best for her is blatant sexism. Her lawyers are following the traditional pattern of the male power structure in trying to control and define women. Each day we are witness to a new effort on their part to isolate Tania from all support, to sow distrust among comrades, to prevent Tania from communicating with the people.

The media ,as usual, has been doing the job the pigs don't feel at liberty to do quite so openly. Straight and 'alternative' media fought equally hard to see who could get credit for promoting the 'final 'executions. Both Time and Newsweek ran pictures of Kathy Soliah with stories that make the pictures SHOOT ON SIGHT wanted posters.

So where does all this leave us? Well, we feel that Bill Harris pretty well summed it up in his statement upon capture--"It ain't no big deal comrades. Long live the guerrilla!" The real test of the meaning of our comrades capture and the new wave of repression will be the way the revolutionary community comes together to support all comrades concerned, and the way it utilizes the situation and specific trials to educate itself and the community in general around the politics involved.

SUPPORT CAPTURED COMRADES!
SUPPORT HUNTED COMRADES!
SUPPORT EACH OTHER!

First Statement From Emily and Bill Harris

Since their Capture

I'd like to read a message from both Bill and myself, to all comrades, sisters and brothers. With the capture in recent days of several members of the revolutionary underground, the government is once again caught up in its self-styled fantasy that the revolution is over. In reality our capture is but one small incident in the whole web of historical events and people that are building for armed struggle in this country. The government and its counter-intelligence agencies have spent over five million dollars and assigned 8500 agents to look for us in the past year and a half with the hopes of when we and a few others are locked away in concentration camps the people's spirit of resistance will be destroyed. Anyone who has spent much time in the communities, workplaces schools, jails and prisons knows that this is nothing more than a pipe dream. During the period of the enemy's obsessive preoccupation to find Patricia Hearst, the people's forces here in Amerika have increased dramatically, and the underground has grown stronger by building its strength among the people. The war that was brought home over five years ago is here to stay. Since our capture the Hearst empire has once again put into motion all the power and influence that blood money can buy. The two of us are the sacrifice this time, along with the millions of people who will have to struggle against the pain and disillusionment that comes from seeing a truly beautiful woman apparently manipulated to the point where Hearst lawyers are denying her strength and commitment.

The affidavit that supposedly represents Patricia Hearst's position on the last year and a half of her life is part of a calculated strategy to preserve the long tradition of brainwashing, manipulation, domination and enslavement by the rich. Who is brainwashing who? The Hearst family and the entire ruling class of this country have attempted to brainwash the world into accepting poverty, racism, sexism and other forms of oppression. Where brainwashing hasn't worked these same interests have engineered war, military coups, political assassinations, puppet governments and facist regimes. As a woman I clearly see the affidavit and the whole Hearst defense strategy as a cruel manifestation of a male-dominated society where women are defined by men as being fragile, weak and unable to make decisions for themselves. The team of male lawyers is surrounding Tania. They seem to care nothing for her as a woman. Their only commitment is to represent the interests of the avaricious and power hungry Hearst family. These lawyers are isolating Tania and attempting to destroy her strong sense of her own self-determination.

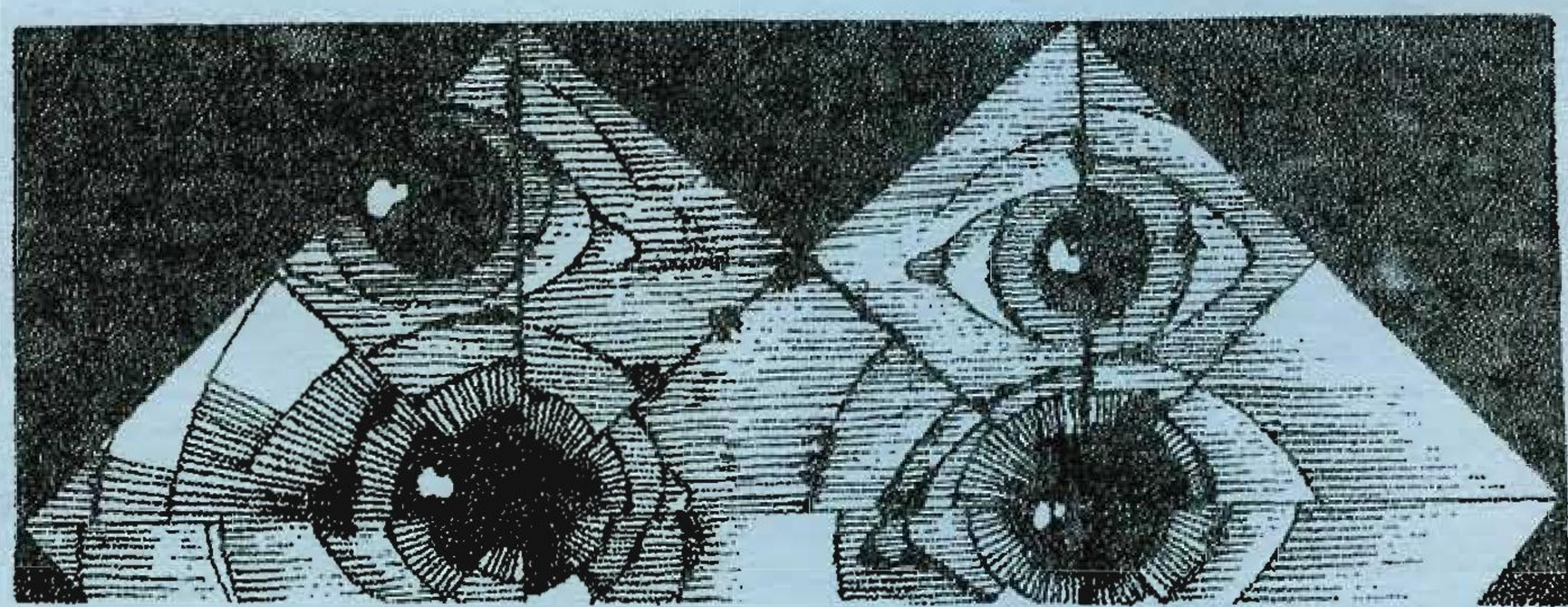
While at the San Mateo County Jail I was under the constant eye of the deputies whose sole purpose was to protect Tania from me. Within days of our capture the Hearsts have defined me as the enemy of Tania, a woman I have loved and respected for over a year. Now Bill and I have been removed quickly to L.A. as part of the Hearsts' divide and conquer tactics. The attempt to brainwash Tania into becoming a loyal, upper-class woman or at the very least to label her insane is not an isolated example. Each day myself

and sisters everywhere are forced to resist cruel forms of manipulation and they try to tell us we are not capable of being strong and independent people. The beautiful form of solidarity that developes among struggling women is a foundation for our fight to be free. I want to send my special love and rage to all sisters.

The Hearsts are differentiating the two of us from Tania. We are the guilty ones in their eyes. In the sense that we will never deny we are revolutionaries, they are correct. We have always been totally aware of all the possible consequences of being enemies of the rich and powerful. So it comes as no surprise to us to find ourselves locked in cages as outlaws. We are strong and undefeated and are adjusting to the new arena of struggle. Our continuing determination comes from knowing that as one man and one woman, we have never been alone. What we are part of is not over as some suggest. But just in the fine and painful beginning stages.

We are prisoners of war in our own country--a situation which is neither unique, nor does it exist in a vacuum. People are fighting for control of their lives all over the globe, and everywhere we see that this life struggle is focused against a common enemy--U.S. imperialism. It was only months ago that our sisters and brothers in Souteast Asia proved to the world that this enemy is not only vulnerable but subject to be driven from power and off the face of this earth. This is indeed an irrevocable trend of history. Yesterday in Spain, five freedom fighters were executed by the U.S. government -supported fascist dictatorship. Their deaths will be avenged, and as such they are an inspiration to freedom loving people everywhere. 'Discover your humanity and love in revolution. Pass on this torch.' That was a quote from Comrade George. We send our love to all sisters and brothers. POWER TO THOSE WHO DARE TO BE FREE!

September 29, 1975



Wendy Yoshimura, from prison

I'd like first to express my warmest and deepest love to the Sisters and Brothers above ground, under ground, jails and prisons.

I'd want them to know that not only has this incident not broken my spirit but I feel even more strongly in my conviction, which is simply the justice for humanity. I have every determination to remain strong in my will and conviction wherever I'll be.

My special love and solidarity to my dear, dear friends.

Wendy Yoshimura
Sept. 22, 1975

.....Support from Martin Sostre.....

Greetings, Comrades on the West Coast:

From the federal Bastille prison in New York City, I send you my revolutionary love and solidarity.

The purpose of this statement is twofold. First, it's to inform you that the recent visit to New York by comrades in the Prisoners of War Offense/Defense Committee resulted in valuable information exchanges regarding the liberation struggle on the East and West Coasts. It also welded another link to the chain of revolutionary solidarity and communications being stretched from coast to coast. It goes without saying that this chain extends beyond both coasts to our revolutionary comrades throughout the world who are also in rebellion against oppression. For the sake of brevity I won't go into details here: I'll leave this up to our comrades of Prisoners of War Offense/Defense.

The second fold purpose of this communication is to discuss the recent capture of SLA comrades, the desperate efforts being made by the ruling class through its controlled media to conceal from the people the truth about the SLA. The recent capture of SLA comrades must also be utilized to spur the cooperation and eventual federation with our many revolutionary groups of sincere comrades struggling against the same enemy and for the same objectives.

We must point out to the people that the cries of 'brainwashed' and 'drugged' to explain away Patty Hearst's rejection of her ruling class backround and identification with the SLA must surely be the most dog-eared item in the stock-in-trade propaganda files of the ruling class. This cry is raised automatically whenever a person wakes up to the exploitive/sexist/racist nature of the ruling class. They invoked 'brainwashed' and 'drugged' when U.S. soldiers captured during the Korean war woke up to the fact that they had been used as cannon-fodder/killers to further the exploitive, economic/political ambitions of the ruling class.

'Brainwashed' and 'drugged' was again employed when captured G.I.'s of the Vietnam war arrived at the same

conclusion and denounced the war and U.S. atrocities against the Vietnamese people.

But the outraged cry of 'brainwashed' and 'drugged' must sound hollow and phony coming in the midst of the current exposure of the use of LSD and other drugs, poison gas, and bacteria against unsuspecting soldiers and civilians by the super cops of the ruling class--the CIA. The fact is that it is the ruling class and its functionaries who are the brainwashers, druggers, assassins, wiretappers, mail openers, burglars, torturers, kidnappers and extortioners on a mass scale. Watergate, the Pentagon Papers, Attica and the current CIA/FBI investigations proved that beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Conversely, truth is our main weapon--this is the advantage of revolutionaries. All we have to do is continue to tell it like it really is and back it up with revolutionary deeds on all levels. The lies and deception of the enemy are spinning the same web of defeat that trapped Nixon and U.S. aggressors in Vietnam.

Everyone knows that the entire panoply of repressive/pursuasive measures are being applied to our captured SLA comrades: physical, prosecutorial, legal, psychological, psychotropic drugs, parental, etc. But regardless of whether or not they are able to withstand the coercive pressure--for being human there is a limit to their endurance--we know the truth; we know our cause is a just one: we know that the world balance of forces is steadily shifting more and more in our favor; and that the days of this repressive system are numbered--to be replaced soon by the egalitarian society all of us seek.

Now is the time to close ranks, federate from coast to coast and demonstrate through revolutionary and political deeds our support for Russ, Joe, and the other SLA comrades and the rest of our guerrilla forces.

With revolutionary love and solidarity
Your companero in struggle,

Martin Sostre
24 September 1975

DEMONSTRATION HELD TO PROTEST USE OF PSYCHOAGGRESSION ON TANIA

On October 7, a press conference and demonstration were organized by N.A.P.A. in support of Tania. The following is from the leaflet handed out to people at the federal building in San Francisco.

Since her arrest, Patricia Hearst's lawyers and family have been trying to convince everyone that she is insane as a result of her involvement with the S.L.A. A psychiatric examination, apparently forced on her after she declared it a violation of her rights, is being used by the media in an effort to convince the public that anyone who decides to become a guerrilla in the U.S. today must be insane. The judicial system then does not have to admit to revoking the right of the desperately oppressed to resist with desperate means; it can merely order "treatment" for illness.

This is not the first time psychiatrists have claimed that political dissent is a symptom of mental illness. Jolyon West, a psychiatrist called by Judge Carter to examine Ms. Hearst, has already gained notoriety through his public statements that those who take part in ghetto rebellions are mentally ill. 'Jolly' West considers himself an expert on so-called hippies living in the Haight-Ashbury. He believes that those who choose alternative life styles do so because they are emotionally disturbed. He is perhaps best known for his attempts to start a Center For The Study Of The Reduction Of Violence at U.C.L.A., based on his theory that crime is caused by an epidemic of mental illness rather than a response to intolerable social conditions.

Communique from the George Jackson Brigade

Thursday, September 18, 1975

At 9:15 this evening we placed a call to the Safeway store at 15th & E. John and clearly told the employee who answered that "high explosives were planted in the store and would go off in 15 minutes– Evacuate the store!" Simultaneously, we called the newsroom of KING-TV and articulated the same message.

At 9:30 P.M. the bomb exploded inside Safeway. There had been no effort to heed our warning and no evacuation even in process. Our warning procedure was based on our own experiences and similar experiences of guerrillas in other parts of the country where injuries also occured the country where injuries have also occured. We clearly realize that our attacks must be discriminate and both serve and educate, the every day person. We also realize that as the contradictions heighten it becomes harder and harder to be a passive and innocent bystander in a war soon.

Our attack on the Capitol Hill Safeway had two purposes: First and foremost it was an act of love and solidarity toward a courageous comrade who risked and gave his life in the furtherance of his political convictions. Second, the bombing was in retaliation for the capture of four members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

We will not belabor the many ways in which Safeway criminally exploits farmworkers and its clerks, rips off the public through price fixing, and sells food poisoned by preservatives. Safeway is not only an agribusiness, but its tentacles reach out through the entire world and suck the spirit and blood of poor and oppressed peoples. These crimes are all well documented and have been the subject of numerous educationals, marches, demonstrations, boycotts, strikes, and even anti-trust suits.

Four days ago Po died while arming a bomb he had planted behind this same Safeway. He died because his oppression, today not just someday, was so real that he found it necessary to risk death in order to free himself.

We greive over the murder of this comrade; just as we have grieved over the murders and capture of George and Jonathan Jackson, the SLA, three dead weatherpeople and countless other fallen warriors. But grief is not enough. We must transform our grief into righteous anger and our anger into direct action.

It is clearly within the power if the left to force Safeway out of the Capitol Hill Community. All that is required is the will to do so. Using a combination of both peaceful and violent tactics, people could educate and build toward a winning strat e educate and build toward a winning strategy. Progressive forces would have to reach out beyond themselves; talking to people at bus stops, going door to door asking people about their daily lives and their problems. A program should be developed and implemented around their grievances. People should be educated about Safeway and the need for selected violence.

It is time that people start thinking in termes of gaining control over their communities. A victorious struggle against Safeway-- even if it takes reducing those two stores to burned-out ruins-- would be a major step in the direction toward people's power.

SAFEWAY OFF CAPITOL HILL!
The George Jackson Brigade

WE CRY AND WE FIGHT

We have a right to cry for our dead,
for every life is unnamably precious
and the death of even one woman or one man
who loved the human race
is an intolerable loss.

Only the frozen robotrulers of Amerikkka
have no tears for human suffering.
Only the fascists watch gleefully when the people die.

For us, the life of each comrade is everything,
and is always remembered.

Someone somewhere thinks today of every fallen comrade:
of each of the thousands killed in 1927 at Shanghai,
of the vanguard at Moncada,
of the Vietnamese sapper blown up inside Bien Hoa.

Someone somewhere cries today for every fallen comrade:
for Che and Tania,
for Malcolm, George, and Jonathan.
Fred Hampton, Sam Melville,
Diana, Ted, and Terry,
Sandra Pratt, Zayd Shakur, Twymon Myers.

The memory of our immortal sisters and brothers
helps us to find our tears and rage.
Today our weeping and our anger are for Fahiza, Cinque, Mizmoon,
Camilla, Willie, and Gelina, gone into History with the others.

Our grief is real, and it makes us stronger and more human.
Our rage is real, and it makes us righteous and powerful.
We cry, but keep on moving, building, loving!
We cry in the night and go see Ruchell in the morning!
We cry cry one day and defy the grand jury the next!
In the dark of the night we put our arms around our friends to comfort them,
and in the dark of the night we spraypaint with them!

We turn our grief for the dead into love of the living
and write a letter to Assata! (346 20th St., N.Y.)
We cry for our comrades, and we step into their places!

WE CRY AND WE FIGHT!

"We Cry And We Fight" first appeared on a leaflet at an S.L.A. support rally held June 2, 1974 in Berkeley. It was reprinted in SONGS OF RAGE (vailable from BARC) and was included in the preceding communique.

NEW WORLD LIBERATION FRONT
armed support for the sla

Sept. 26, 1975

We attack the blood-sucking oil companies at Coalinga in response to the capture of our SLA comrades and we say that just, armed revolutionary actions will continue to grow as long as there's ghettos, barrios, Native American 'kamps', drug addiction, unemployment, parmeceutical 'legal' pill pushers, Mafia, CIA, customs, DEA heroin pushers, expensive, lousy, and even many times non-existent medical care, and nightmare ruling class concentration camps full and overflowing with poor people.

The ruling class parasites and their lackeys push nightmare drugs(heroin, reds, yellows, alcohol) on poor people not only in their Koncentration Kamps but out on the streets and do so for two reasons:

1) to keep poor people in a drugged thus controllable state. Neighborhoods such as Watts have been pumped with these drugs whenever poor people struggle to rise.

2) to finance pig operations both here and abroad (such as the secret CIA war in Laos) against poor people.

Not content with profit, they pass unjust laws (such as pig Rocky's) against the victims (local pushers/users—usually one and the same) while the big pushers (Mafia,CIA, DEA, customs, narcotic divisions) not only go free but are encouraged to continue pushing! And methadone—meet your government pusher. A drug their 'tests' said was proven non-addictive now enslaves, as does heroin, many poor people...Chicanos, Black people, and Puerto Ricans in particular.

These greedy dogs aren't content with just making our lives miserable—on top of this, they tell us our children are stupid because they haven't learned the irrelevent shit necessary to 'make high scores'. It's been well proven that children from the barrios, ghettos, etc. communicate, relate, play and create with each other better than 'high scoring' individualistic children of the privileged class. Poor children's unity is a threat to this privileged class just as unity among poor people anywhere is a threat to these ruling class dogs. The systematic enslavement of poor people in general, 3rd world people in particular will be smashed! And these chains will only be smashed by violent means.

The ruling class colonized Amerika on poor people's enslavement, blood, misery, and sweat. Our fathers and mothers grew the food that fed this nation, they built the railroads and mined the coal. Why have the poor, who have worked the hardest to build this nation received the least—mere crumbs! And many times death!

The relevence in the history of this country is and will be redefined by poor people to replace the ruling class power play lying history that is still being forced on our children.

We, the oppressed, must rise up against these ruling class bloodsuckers to gain control over the institutions that are now controlling our lives. We will build an order that doesn't thrive on the suffering and butchery of the poor here and all over the world. We will put an end to this order that enslaves a poor person in some ruling class dungeon 10, 15, or 20 years for 'stealing' $10 or $70 while this same ruling class who profit from pushing heroin and bleed the people of billions in their oil and energy rip-offs not only go free but continue their lootings, plundering and butchery!

We must build an order where technology serves us all and not just the needs of a degenerate few to maintain their dog-eat-dog order. We call on comrades to organize into small cells, to keep their houses clean of literature and explosives, to organize with a protracted war in mind, to analyze and learn from our mistakes, to push the struggle forward! If we are to expect a decent life for us and our children we just rise and fight for it. By our acts we will smash the ruling class illusion that there is no way to effectively struggle for the liberation of oppressed people here in Nazi Amerika. We will smash this nightmare death order the ruling class imposes on us!

We are launching an attack against all major oil companies, utility companies and their top personnel who together drain the life-blood of poor people. We will continue these attacks unless they yeild to the following demands:

For the neighborhoods of all 9 Bay Area counties where poverty forces people to live in dangerous, inhuman conditions (such as Hunter's Point/Bay View, Fillmore, Mission, West Oakland, Richmond, E. Palo Alto E. San Jose, Union City)

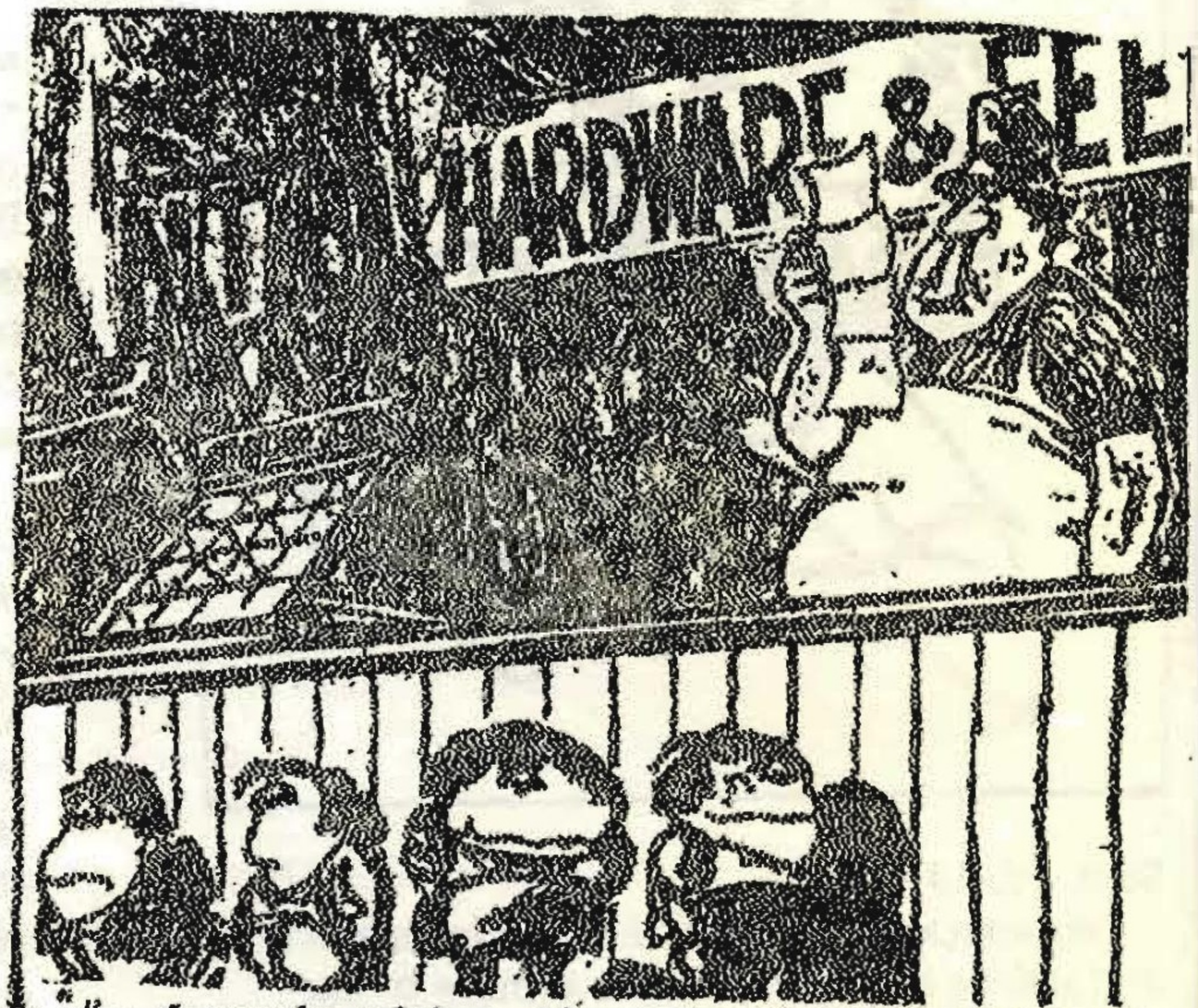
To all major oil companies we demand they:

1) have installed fire hydrants, spaced as they are in ruling class neighborhoods.

2) install front and back doors and reliable fire-escapes on all buildings so poor people aren't consumed by fire in their communities.

We are continuing our attacks against P.G.&E. and now demand that they

1) bring up to fire-code standards the wiring in all buildings in the above communities.



"...5 pounds sulphur, 10 pounds potassium nitrate, 50-feet primer fuse, 2 rolls friction tape, 4 batteries, 1 clock..."

P.G.&E. can damn sure bleed people for the electricity coming through these faulty wires and for every fire caused by faulty wiring in poor people's neighborhoods, we will bring smoke and fire to ruling class vipers' nests!

The oil companies and P.G.&E. have 72 hours to respond to our just demands. If they fail to see the need to meet these just demands we must stress that these bloodsuckers will then soon be forced to live in armed camps protected only by their mercenary lackeys. They cannot protect themselves enough! We repeat, 72 hours.

Patty Hearsts' actions indicate that she has jumped back into her nest of ruling class vipers.

Their greedy dog-eat-dog world is crumbling. They cannot and will not stop the rage and determination of oppressed peoples here and around the world. When we, the oppressed, stop these mad dogs, we will also stop countless degenerate acts. These butchers will be brought to justice. They have only experienced a ripple of the tidal wave of rage and determination of oppressed peoples yet to come!

STAY STRONG TO STAY ALIVE

We send revolutionary greetings to all comrades engaged in armed struggle and all comrades trapped in ruling class dungeons.

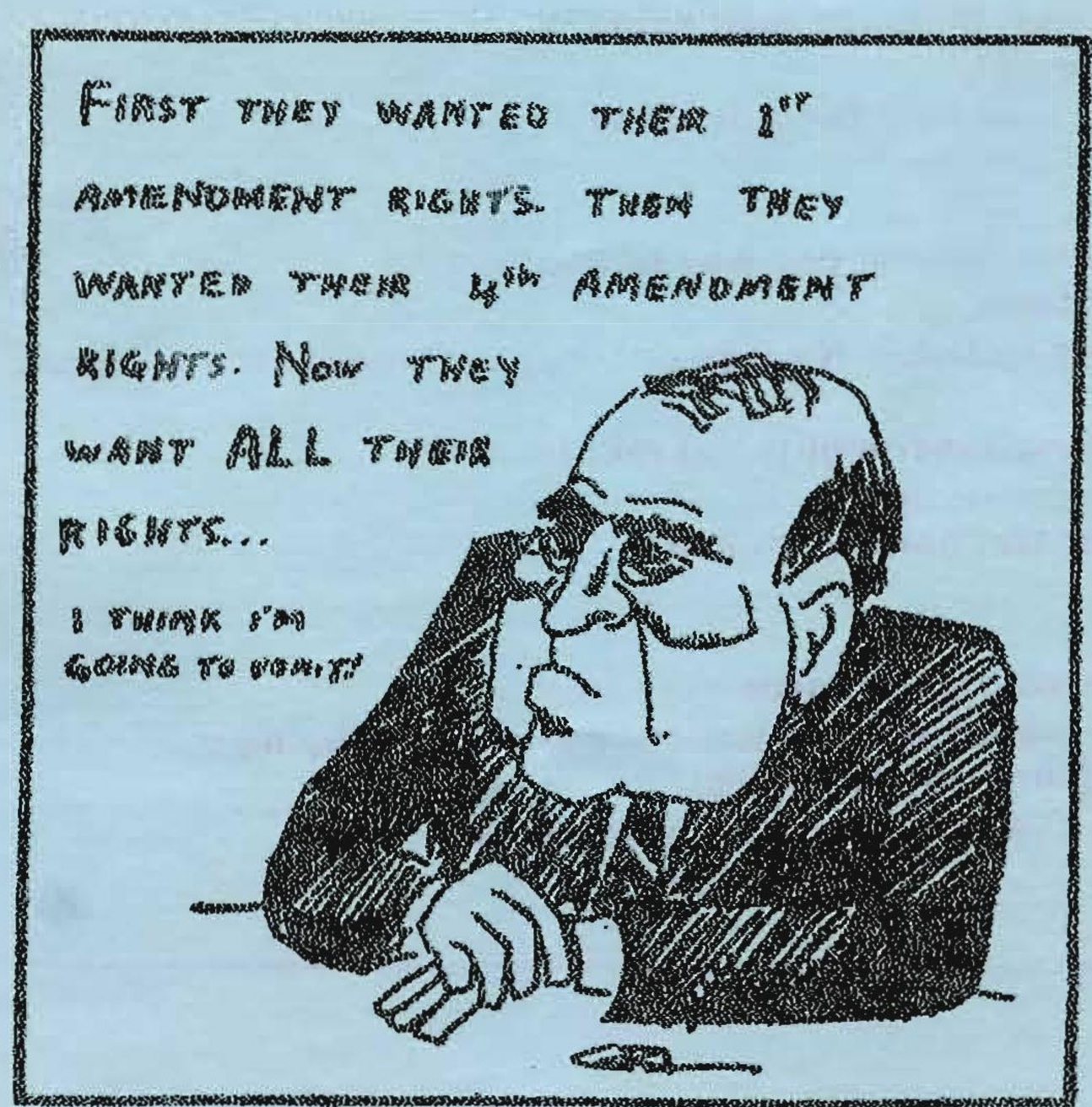
Comrade Sule of the BLA, we welcomed your comradely criticism.

Toward total liberation!
Hasta la victoria!
Unity in struggle.

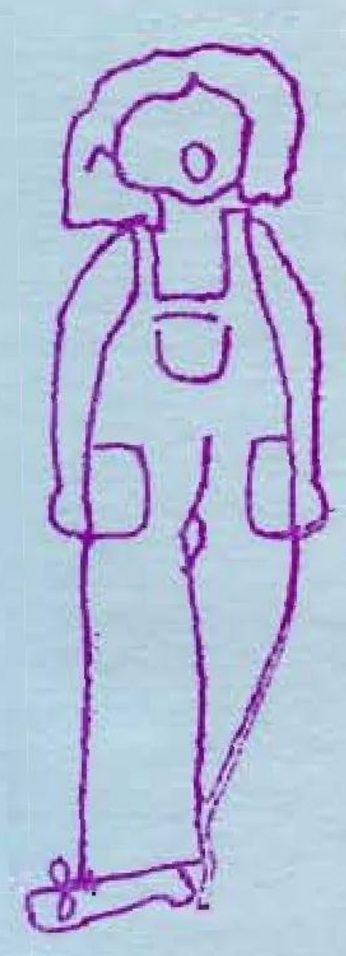
Lucio Cabanas Unit
Peoples' Forces
New World Liberation Front

Help distribute to barrios, ghettos, welfare unemployment, and foodstamp offices, high schools and all places where poor people gather.

[This is the first part of the Sept. 26 NWLF communique. The second part includes directions for making explosives. We did not include this for reasons of space and will print it in our next issue.]



'Let's stay up all night,' you'd say,
and we'd fill the table with beer cans
until there was no place for our elbows.
By two o'clock or so,
when I conceded to your obviously greater strength
and fell into bed,
we would have the past and the present all figured out.
Perhaps you mapped your futures later at night, earlier in the morning.
I don't know.



I've seen you rushing down the hall;
laughing through cigarette smoke;
dancing to Jimmy Cliff;
perched on the stool, blinking and making deadpan jokes;
discussing your families;
making lemon pie and revolution from scratch.
I've felt all that electricity...

Some people actually know that they're alive.
This seems to lead, nowadays, to their being
burned in their houses,
or arrested (as in 'stopped,' but not always),
or doped,
or poor.
It leads to their having to hide, one way or another;
their lovers or their faces.
It leads to our having to fight. No way out, folks. Choose your weapons.

We've spent some long, sober nights this month.
But I know that you're all right
because I know your stubborn willfulness
and your integrity.

I watched you hone yourselves against the truth
for long enough to imagine how very sharp you must be by now.
And we have a party line on the subject:
we want you sharp, and ready, and safely sheathed.
and we love you.

FRONT DE LIBERATION DU QUEBEC

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF STATE OF SIEGE IN CANADA

To most American comrades Canada is sort of a nebulously liberal place where a lot of men went to get out of the army and where there is some kind of separatist movement among the French-speaking minority. Unfortunately, while we rightly pay lots of attention to struggles 10,000 miles from home, we rarely extend our internationalism to those sisters and brothers fighting nearby.

Exactly five years ago, on October 16, 1970 a state of siege/martial law (call it whatever) was declared under the War Measures Act and the illusion of democracy was shattered in Canada. The events leading up to that and those that followed are important not simply as a page of history but as an important part of an ongoing process. Though the Liberal "french-oriented" Trudeau government tried to claim that their actions were merely in response to the threat to law and order posed by some terrorists, in reality it was to ensure that the growing radicalization of the Quebecois movement was stopped and control placed in the hands of bourgeois french-canadian federalists that the army was called out and civil rights suspended.

The establishment of the Front de Liberation du Quebec in the early 60's was a natural outgrowth of centuries of oppression and struggle. It was the F.L.Q. that recognized armed struggle as one necessary tool of liberation. It was also they who gradually changed the arena of struggle in Quebec from one centered around questions of whether control should be in the hands of the large French-speaking majority or the Anglo minority to one of class economics--while retaining the analysis that Quebec was essentially a colony within Anglo North America.

On October 5, 1970, the F.L.Q. kidnapped James Cross, the British trade commissioner. Following is an English translation of most of Communique 1, preceded by the English translation of part of a statement written the previous May. (If you want the entire statement and communique we'll send you a xerox.)

the may statement-

1970

Objectives

1 **WE WANT TO ANSWER** the challenge of the status quo. We want to answer the challenge of the businessmen who believe they can maintain the current political and economic system by sowing the fear of change among the population

To the threats of the royal trust we oppose real bombs

All we are doing is answering their violence with counter-violence.

We are defending ourselves against the constant attacks of the anti-worker, anti-Quebec forces that make up the financial institutions, the big companies, the chamber of commerce, etc., who are all maintained by the Liberal party and Trudeau-Bourassa

2 **WE ARE ATTACKING** the economic organizations that use puppet politicians who speak french like Trudeau Bourassa-Drapeau to protect their interests, and with whom the people periodically have "dialogue" in that phony exercise of democracy - elections

3 **WE ARE FIGHTING** this clique of exploiters who make up the capitalist bourgeoisie that is dominated by anglo-american financiers, and with which some ambitious French Canadians have been collaborating.

4 **WE ARE FIGHTING** all forms of exploitation, the most blatant being linguistic segregation, the necessity to speak two languages because we are Quebecois. Our colonialist bosses are responsible for this.

5 **WE ARE FIGHTING** all sorts of racism, discrimination and segregation. We are in solidarity with all struggles being waged by people who are victims of american imperialism. We support the struggle led by those first exploited on this continent, the Indians. We are in solidarity with the american blacks and Puerto Ricans who are fighting yankee capitalism.

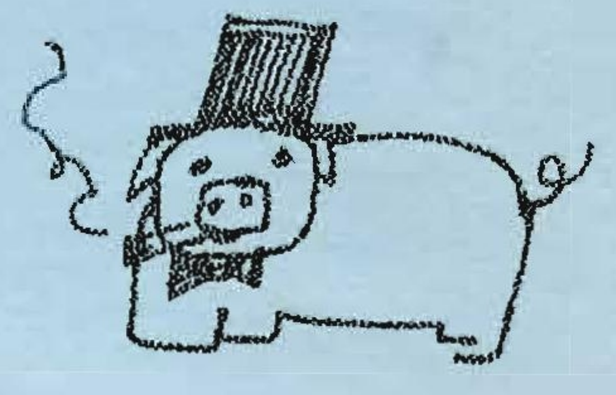
6 **WE ARE WITH** all workers who immigrated to Quebec and with whom we want to fight our common enemy, anglo-american capitalism. We want to wage the struggle for national liberation with all workers

7 **WHILE SUPPORTING** all trade union struggles, the FLQ hopes unionized workers will throw themselves vigorously into the second front. As soon as possible workers representatives must replace the people's phony representatives in parliament. When a real workers' party is created, the FLQ will no longer have a reason to exist.

8 **THE FLQ IS FIGHTING** the owners of the means of communication (moyen information) who are trying to make us believe that the current government serves all of society. The current government serves only those who finance it.

We are fighting these capitalists who monopolize all the major means of information, and who are trying to make it seem that we are the enemies of the people of Quebec. It is up to the free intellectuals (freethinking) to denounce this monopoly of information.

9 **THE FLQ IS IN** solidarity with all quebecois movements that are militating for real economic liberation of Quebec workers and are fighting for the political emancipation of Quebec. It will be independence or destruction.



FLQ Communique No. 1

Great Britain's representative in Quebec, M. J. Cross, is in the hands of the Front de Liberation du Quebec.

Here are the conditions that the established authorities must fulfil in order to save the life of the representative of the old racist and colonialist British system.

1- They will have to see that the repressive police forces do not make the monstrous mistake of attempting to jeopardize the success of this operation by using searches, enquiries, investigations, arrests or any other ploy.

2- The political manifesto that the Front de Liberation du Quebec will forward to the established authorities will have to appear in toto on the first page of all the large Quebec papers. The established authorities, after consultation with these papers, will have to make public the list of Quebec papers which agree to publish our manifesto. But it should be quite clear that every region in Quebec will have to be covered.

Moreover, this manifesto will have to be read in toto and commented on by the political prisoners, before their departure, in the course of at least a thirty (30) minute radio and TV broadcast, direct or on video, between eight (8) and eleven (11) in the evening on Radio-Canada and its affiliated stations in the province.

3- Liberation of the political prisoners: *[A list of 23 followed.--ed.]*

4. *[Guaranteed passage to Cuba or Algeria.--ed.]*

5- In the course of an assembly attended by the Lapalme workers and the Minister of the Post Office (or a responsible representative of the Minister), the latter will promise to rehire the Lapalme workers. This promise of rehiring must be based on the conditions and rules established by the revolutionary workers of Lapalme before the break-off of negotiations. This assembly must take place within forty-eight (48) hours following the issue of this communique, and the meeting will have to be open to the press.

6- A voluntary tax of $500,000 in gold bars will have to be placed on board the airplane and put at the disposal of the political prisoners. (When one thinks of the expenses necessitated by the recent visit of the Queen of England, of the millions of dollars lost by the Post Office because of the stubborn millionaire Kierans, of the price we pay to keep Quebec in Confederation, etc...500,000 is peanuts!)

7- The NAME and the PHOTO of the informer of the last cell of the FLQ must be made public and published. The Front de Liberation du Quebec is withholding considerable information about the activities and behaviour of this blackguard and is no longer waiting for "official" confirmation to act.

By this action, the Front de Liberation du Quebec wishes to draw world attention to the fate of French-speaking Quebecois, ridiculed and trodden on in their own land by a mistaken political system (Canadian federalism) and by an economy ruled in the interest of US high finance, big boss racists and imperialists.

By looking back at the origins of Confederation, we can best understand what were the true interests ($$$) which motivated those who are called the Fathers of Confederation. Besides, in 1867, the Quebec people (Lower Canada) were not consulted regarding the opportunity of creating a confederation of the existing provinces. It was a matter of huge sums of money and such questions were only debated among those who worried about such things, the capitalists, those who owned and accumulated capital, the means of production, who, to suit their own needs and requirements, arranged our life and that of a people.

Thousands of Quebecois have understood, as our forefathers of 1837-8 did, that the only way of guaranteeing our survival, national as well as economic, is total independence.

The Front de Liberation du Quebec unconditionally supports the Black Americans and those of Africa, the Latin American liberation movements, those of Palestine and Asia, the catholic revolutionaries of Northern Ireland and all those who struggle for their liberty, their independence and their dignity.

The Front de Liberation du Quebec especially salutes the people of Cuba and Algeria who are heroically struggling against imperialism and colonialism in all its forms, for a just society where exploitation of man by man is banished.

However, we believe that the only real worthwhile support that one can give to the people who are moving toward their liberation, is that we first liberate ourselves. During and after our struggle, we will provide much more than the standard sympathy-of-intellectuals-who-black-out-the-images-of-aggression-that-are-cast-into-their pleasant-milieu-and-environment-of-serenity-and-peace.

IMPLEMENTATION

[How the operations were to be carried out.--ed.]

We shall be victorious.
Front de Liberation du Quebec.

Unfortunately we do not have the room to reprint the Manifesto,to describe the events which followed, or to further analyze the situation. We may do that in a later issue of Dragon. In any case, we encourage all comrades to study the history of Canada, Quebec, and the F.L.Q., and integrate an understanding of the situation up north today into our present analyses and struggles. There is much for us to learn.

Black Liberation Army

OPEN LETTER TO THE NEW WORLD LIBERATION FRONT

September 10,1975

Revolutionary Greetings,

Having read your open letter to all comrades trapped behind enemy lines, which appears to be an answer to a letter from a prisoner so trapped we feel duty bound in the spirit of Revolutionary solidarity to offer some criticism in relation to your open letter.

Sun Tzu said,"All warfare is based upon deception" and history has proven this to be correct regardless of size or strength of those engaged in war. If those who fight conventional wars employ deception as a tactic to confuse the enemy and those engaged in irregular warfare do likewise, then we must conclude that deception is a principle of warfare; "social practice is the criterion for testing the truth." To quote Sun Tzu further, "Know the enemy, know yourself and in a hundred battles be undefeated." Understand that the enemy uses the same sources to gather intelligence as the Peoples Forces, so, if the people think you are large, then the enemy also thinks you are large and what is to be understood is there will be two different reactions to the same thought. On the one hand are the people who feel elated by your ability to attack at will undetected; on the other is the enemy who is demoralized by his inability to stop or capture you. By appearing to be four units you employ one of the basic tactics of the guerilla, appearing to be many places at once. Now because you chose to be open with why you haven't made certain moves, it gives the enemy something concrete in relation to your numbers.

When communicating openly like this, prudence dictates that we deal with theoretical aspects of the type of tactics to employ. By the example of your determination and love for the poor and oppressed it is just a matter of time before others of a like mind and politics are within your ranks. Remember it's quality and not quantity that is the true mark of the guerrilla.

Your struggle is not in vain, neither do you struggle alone. At times it may appear to be other than that especially to those trapped behind enemy lines.

In closing, I would like to say that those in koncentration kamps are not so much caught behind enemy lines as they are in an area of encirclement, for there are no fixed lines in a people's war.

> No military commander can overstep the bounds of his material conditions but within their limits must strive for victory.

Fire & Smoke,

Sula

BLA

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE N.W.L.F. FROM ORPHANS OF AMERIKA

Orphans Of Amerika was very glad to see a copy of your open letter to Orphans and BARC. We would like to respond to the points which you raise. We must criticize ourselves for responding too hastily and without enough care to your letter of 6/27/75. The mistake was made of confusing possibilities and probabilities, thereby placing the wrong emphasis on certain statements/actions of yours.

We were not suggesting any further attempt at struggle between the N.W.L.F. and the BARB. Possibly our phrasing was bad ----our intention was to say that whichever of the alternatives we saw was correct, the N.W.L.F. and the BARB (if anyone there has the integrity enough to care) SEPARATELY do what was needed to insure security in each organization.

In regards to Stansill and Walsh: it appears to us that Walsh clearly bears the greater responsibility, even though Stansill was the person in charge of dealing with "news sources". Walsh is the resident management; Stansill was (until he quit because he found the position untenable) foreman/lackey, the front for the owner/managers with the responsibility without authority that such a position inevitably entails. We believe that had there been more emphasis on the owners, the stuff on Stansill andWalsh would not have stuck out so much. We fully agree with your analysis that frontpeople for the controlling pigs should be exposed and dealt with, but always in a way that continually keeps before the people that it is the less visible controlling pigs who are the main enemy. Again, we feel our response on the point was not clear enough.

In regards to positive support: our hesitancy on that comes from our belief that in most (though certainly not all) cases, individuals have the right (and often the reason) to maintain as low a profile as possible.

We'd like to mention some more of Max Scheer's dirty dealings. On 8/7/75, the Georgia Straight, a Barb type paper in Vancouver, published an article/interview with Scheer. The full front cover headline states: "**BOMB THE BARB**: Revolutionary Group Threatens Life Of Papers Founder". In the body of the article it states, "Scheer was on his way up the coast when he read in the BARB that the New World Liberation Front threatened to off the entire BARB staff." ..."Directly after the last communique Schang replied by publishing a letter in the Bay Guardian saying they should instead kill Max Scheer and a few others." It also states that Schang was the one weak link in what is otherwise a perfect security set-up at the BARB BARB, and implies the NWLF killed Popeye.

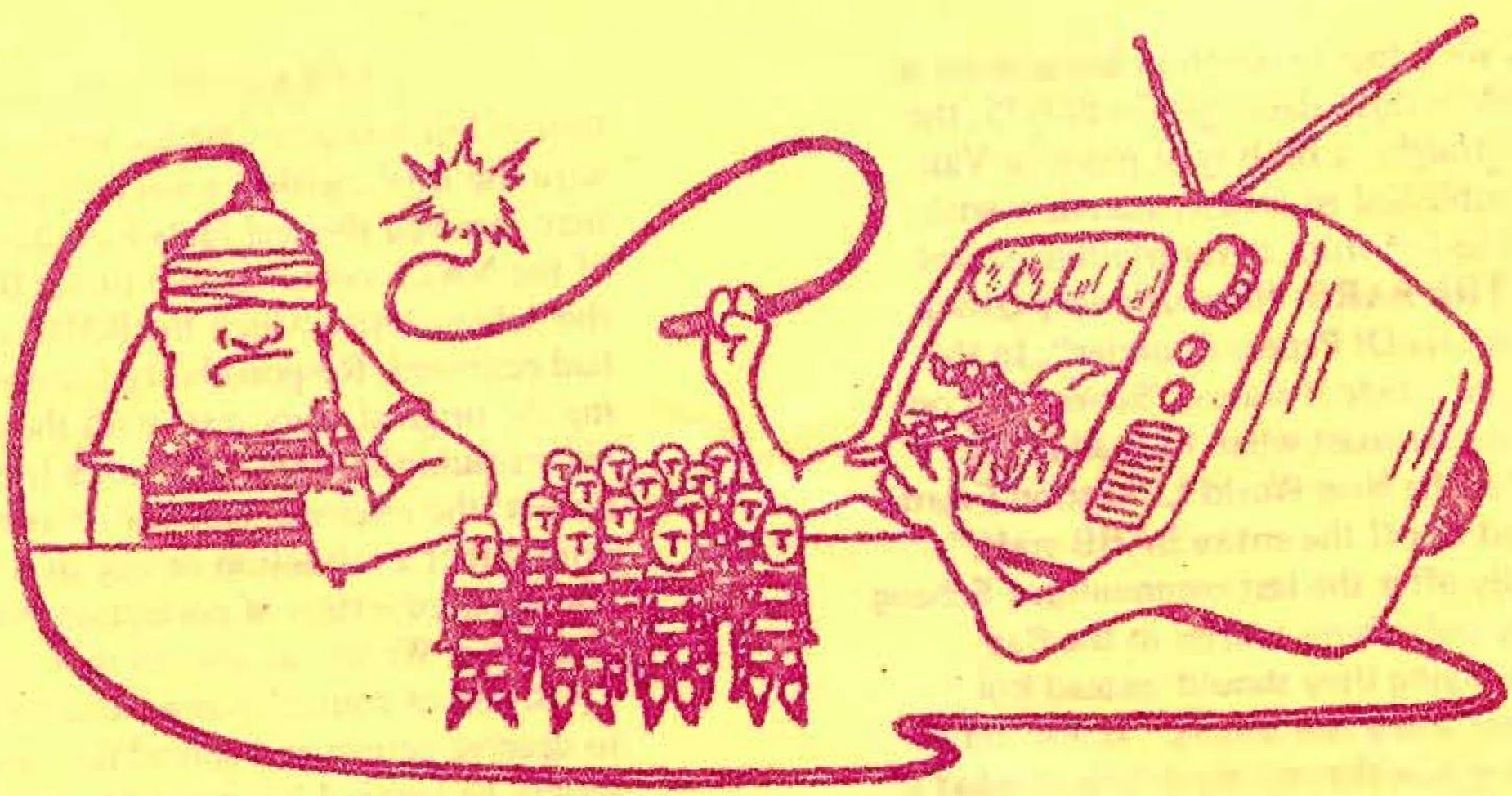
The STRAIGHT in the true tradition of hip bourgeois media, refused to deal with the truth; within a week of publication they received the real facts including copies of the NWLF communique to the BARB and the Schang letter which the BARB owners had censored. Responsibility for not verifying the original story rests with the editor and owner/publisher Dan McLeod, a friend of Scheer; the responsibility for refusing to print either a retraction or any of several documented letters of correction is solely McLeod's. We feel as you do that those in a position of control/power who continue to deceive people and spread lies cannot simply simply be ignored but must be exposed and dealt with.

We would also like to comment on several other things at this point. First, your open letter to all comrades trapped behind enemy lines—in response to a letter from Eddie Sanchez. We believe this is an important statement about the necessity to avoid premature action, something you have spoken of before. Your statements combining the need to understand that our struggle is a protracted one which must develope a secure base with the need to continue striking blows against the enemy without waiting for some mythical time when everything will 'fall into place' is of upmost importance. Adventurism and acts proceeding merely from personal feelings of frustration rarely serve the interests of the common struggle. Without analysis and patience we will go nowhere. At the same time, sitting on one's ass reading one's favorite bible without engaging in practice to test out theory in the light of present reality is of little use.

We believe the NWLF has succeeded admirably in showing what a small group can do when it is together. We look forward to an expanded organization, knowing that the desire for growth will always be placed in a context of security.

There is one thing we would like to question —— the statement 'The NWLF encompasses all armed units sharing the same goals, but this does not mean that these units have found ways to reach each other.' We believe that this is not a

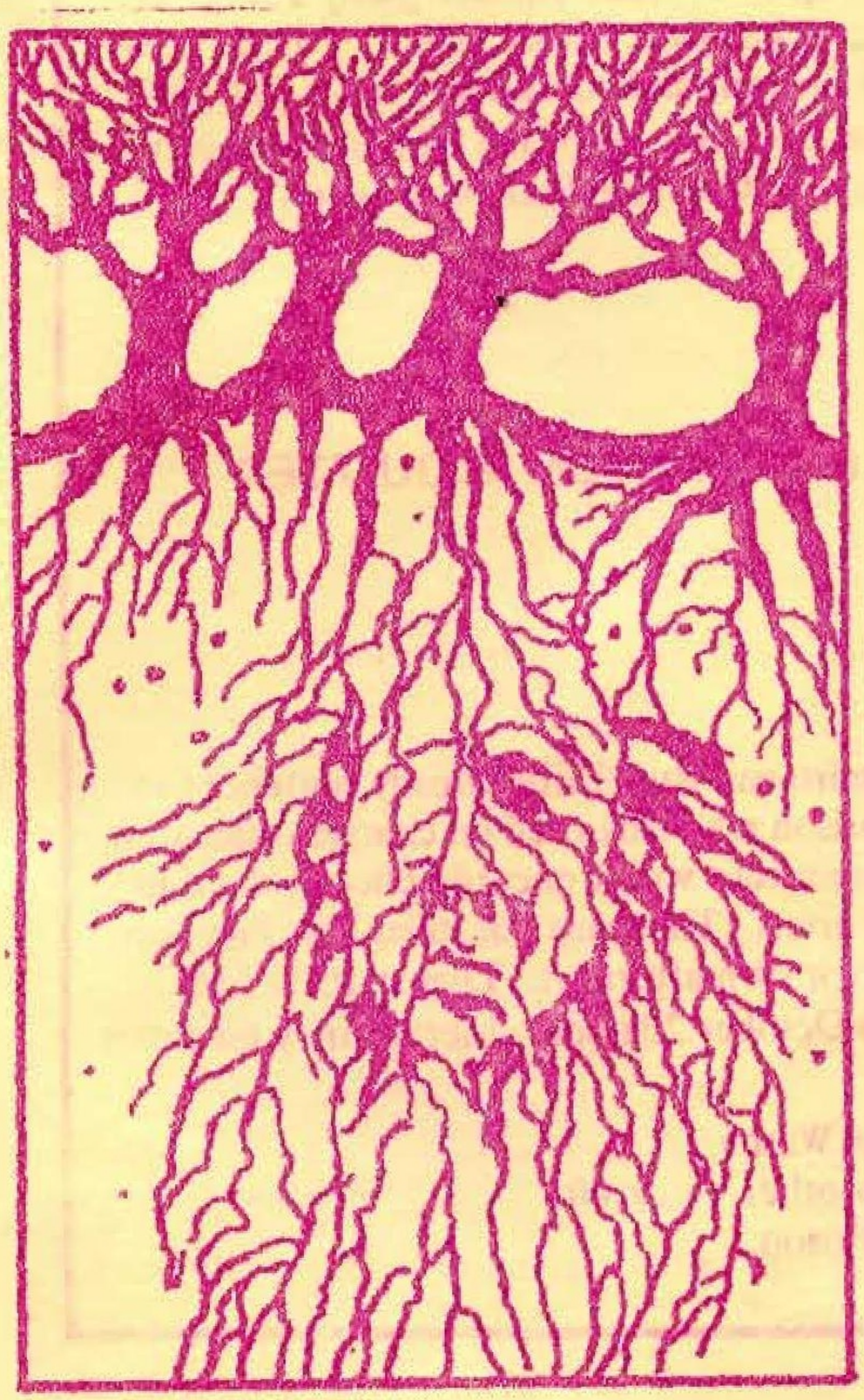
good organizational framework. To operate under one name, some contact must be maintained and some process for making decisions in the collective name must be agreed upon. This may not be very important tactically, but it is, we believe, strategically necessary. Also, such a frame-



work makes it more difficult for comrades above-ground and locked down to determine whether a specific action or statement, especially something qualitatively different or from a new unit, does in fact represent the N.W.L.F.

It would appear (from our very limited knowledge) that the experiences of the Front de Liberation du Quebec are relevant. It seems that the F.L.Q. was composed of cells whose contact ranged from continuing through intermittent to non-existent. At the time Cross and Laporte were kidnapped, there was apparently some difficulty in the F.L.Q. developing strategy and making basic decisions to deal with all contingencies. To the public the F.L.Q. was one, with each individual and cell accountable for all others. In practice, while accountability was usually shared, it appears decisions of very important consequence had to be made without input from all cells and without all cells being notified of these decisions.

In recent weeks there have been a number of communications we have seen or heard about announcing new "units" of the N.W.L.F. Most of them, in our opinion, clearly have politics that run counter to certain aspects of your politics —in tactics, theory, and security. We consider this to be a dangerously confusing situation —for the N.W.L.F., the revolutionary movement in general, and for those members of these self-defined "units" who are serious revolutionaries.



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We would also like to comment on your statement of 8/25/75 concerning Popeye. We consider the information concerning your contact with Popeye important. We would like to throw out a couple alternatives for your consideration: 1/ Popeye's sense of security was often real bad; 2/ Popeye's analysis was simply weak/wrong in a number of places. The scenario you have presented appears to be consistant with your experiences and observations of Popeye. However, we would suggest you consider other scenarios that include alternatives such as the above. Such would, we think, be consistant with both your experience, our own, and that of many other comrades.

Your actions against against the Emeryvile pig station, the Marin Kourthouse, Shell Oil/Coalinga, and their associated communiques are inspiringly appropriate. It is a certain measure of your success that such actions no longer receive the same surprised reactions that they did a year ago. Unfortunately, there are many who still view revolution as events rather than a process who now ignore such actions because the "novelt" has worn off.

In closing we would like to express our love and deepest appreciation for your devotion to criticism/self-criticism. Without criticism we would cease to grow; without self-criticism we would wither.

GARY GARRISON ACQUITTED

August 29,Chicano activist Gary Garrison member of the Crusade for Justice was acquitted of attempted arson and criminal mischief. The verdict ended almost 21 months of state harassment of this brother around trumped up charges stemming from a paint store bombing in East Denver. Despite a smear campaign intended to alienate the Crusade from the people, including sensationalized media coverage and a change of venue from Denver to a city 70 miles away where the Chicano population is less that 5%, the state's flimsy case could not influence a jury to convict. Thus another brother is out on the streets to fight for the people.

CAMERON BISHOP CONVICTED

Cameron Bishop did not fare so well in the courts. On September 20, he was convicted of three counts of sabotage in a 1969 bombing of transmission lines, and was acquitted on a fourth charge. Bishop is planning to appeal. He faces a maximum prison sentence of thirty years and fines of up to $10,000 on each guilty count. He also faces charges in Rhode Island of illegal possession of firearms and conspiracy, and a state charge in Colorado rising out of the 1968 occupation of a building at Colorado State University.

PAT SWINTON ACQUITTED

Another former fugitive, Pat Swinton, was acquited Sept. 26 on conspiracy charges stemming from the bombings of Manhattan skyscrapers. The trial lasted only five days; the governments weak case fell apart when John D. Hughey and Jane Alpert refused to testify for the prosecution. Both were cited for contempt of court. Pat told reporters after the verdict,"...I have no respect for the judicial system but I have for the 12 people on the jury who were not taken in by the lousy case."

LITTLE/REMIRO TRIAL

Joe Remiro and Russ Little already sentenced to life in prison are being tried on charges originating from a shootout with Concord police at the time of their arrest. The court has ruled that they can act as their own attorneys. Trial starts in Los Angeles October 20 under strict security measures.

The poem in Dragon 2 from a comrade in Washington was written by Phillip Tucker, a brother locked-down in McNeil's Island Federal Prison.

credit:

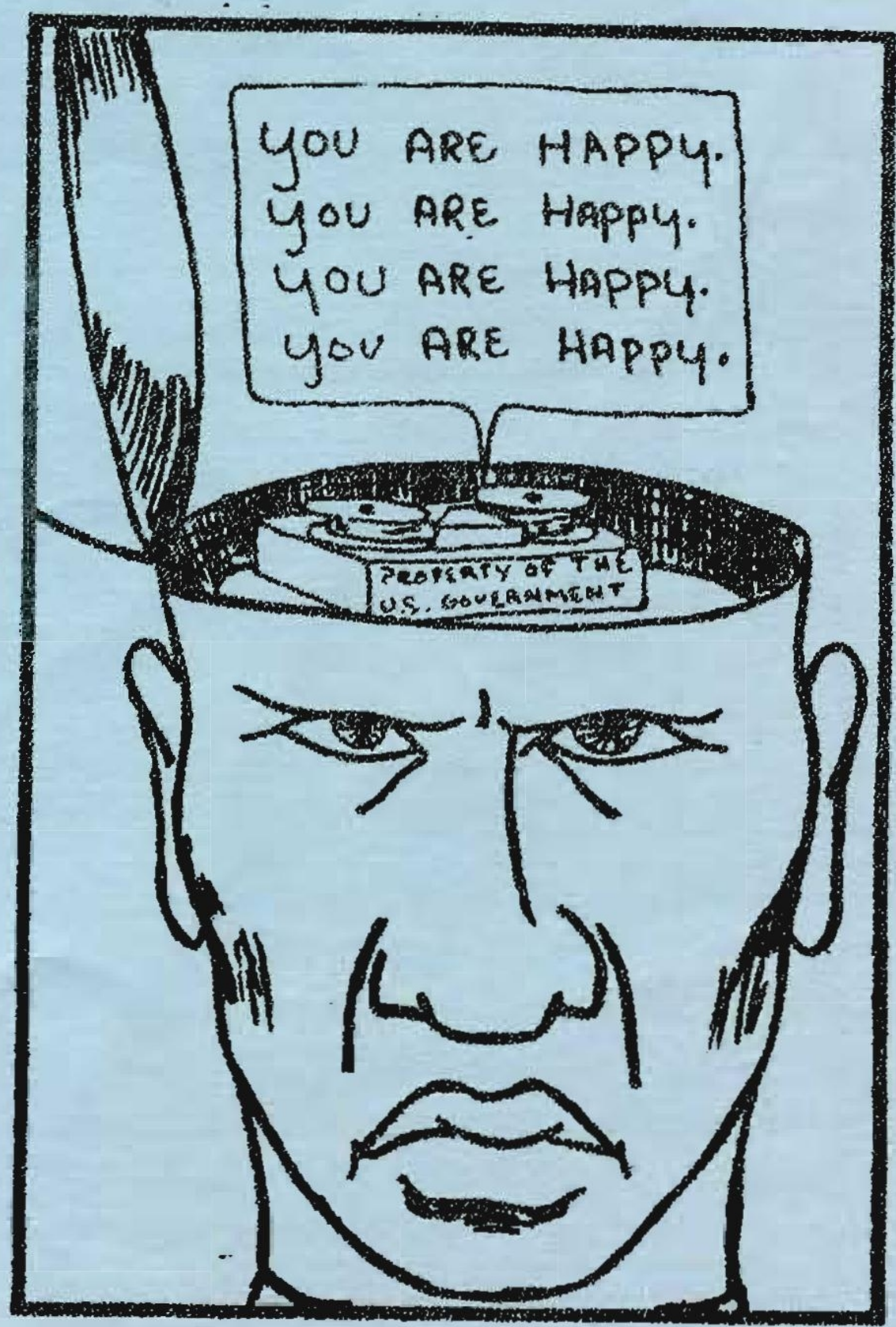
Psychiatric Assault

The fashionably liberal concept that "criminals" are "sick" has been used by the state to inflict added tortures on people in prison. Under the guise of rehabilitation, prisoners at so-called "medical facilities" (such as Vacaville in California) are being subjected to lobotomies, electroshock treatment, behavior modification, and the continual administration of drugs. The purpose of this type of psychiatric assault is to destroy militant resistance within the prisons by turning people into zombies; rendering them powerless and unable to effectively deal with their oppressive situation.

The prisons also serve as laboratories for further assault on the alleged "criminal mentality." These techniques are also a fact of daily life for people locked down in mental hospitals. On the outside such practices are commonly used against grade school children, especially the use of drugs.

Torture as a weapon of control and punishment is not new and its continuing use shows its effectiveness. Prison officials will continue the use of torture, but will call it other names to try to create a humanitarian image. A prime example of this double-talk is an offense called aversion therapy. Here, drugs are used to produce terror, electric shocks are inflicted on the arms, feet, or groin of prisoners; drugs are given that induce 15 minutes to one hour of uncontrolled vomiting.

Lobotomies are surgical procedures which involve removing portions of a person's brain. It is



especially used with "violent" prisoners with the effect of turning the victim into a human vegetable.

Electroshock treatment is often used as a form of punishment. It is a terrifying, painful experience that literally fries one's brain as the electric current passes through. Following the experience, people report significant memory loss and feel dazed for long periods afterwards. Studies have shown that electroshock destroys brain cells.

Punishment as therapy is accomplished with tranquilizing drugs. To immobilize a person against her/his will with drugs is violence; violence that can be carried out on a mass scale. Drugging is used for the purpose of control; for keeping prisoners docile and quiet. The phenothiazines--thorazine, prolixin, etc. lend themselves to punishment and torture. If you don't keep in line, you have become a threat to their set-up. You are tranquilized to the point where you are unable to function. Phenothiazines cause such permanent damage as blindness and brain injury.

Vacaville in 1970 began using the controversial drug succinycholine in combination with behavior modification. When the drug takes effect, the person feels like she/he is suffocating and "on the verge of dying". The doctor or attendant then proceeds to shout at the person, berating her/him for supposed faults.

The power structure in Amerika realizes there are committed, determined revolutionary women and men in prisons--some who have been imprisoned for their politics, others who have been politicized by their experience in the joint. The state has all types of methods to

attempt to control people by violence: direct and subtle. Psychofascism is not only a "prison problem" but is being used to passify the people's disgust with a system based on imperialist exploitation, sexism, and racism. We must recognize and expose the motives and workings of the state in order to effectively resist and eventually take power over our own lives and destinies.

Behavior Modification = Mind Control

This letter is reprinted courtesy of Network Against Psychistric Assault.

N.A.P.A.
2150 Market St.
San Francisco, Ca.

Dear Comrades:

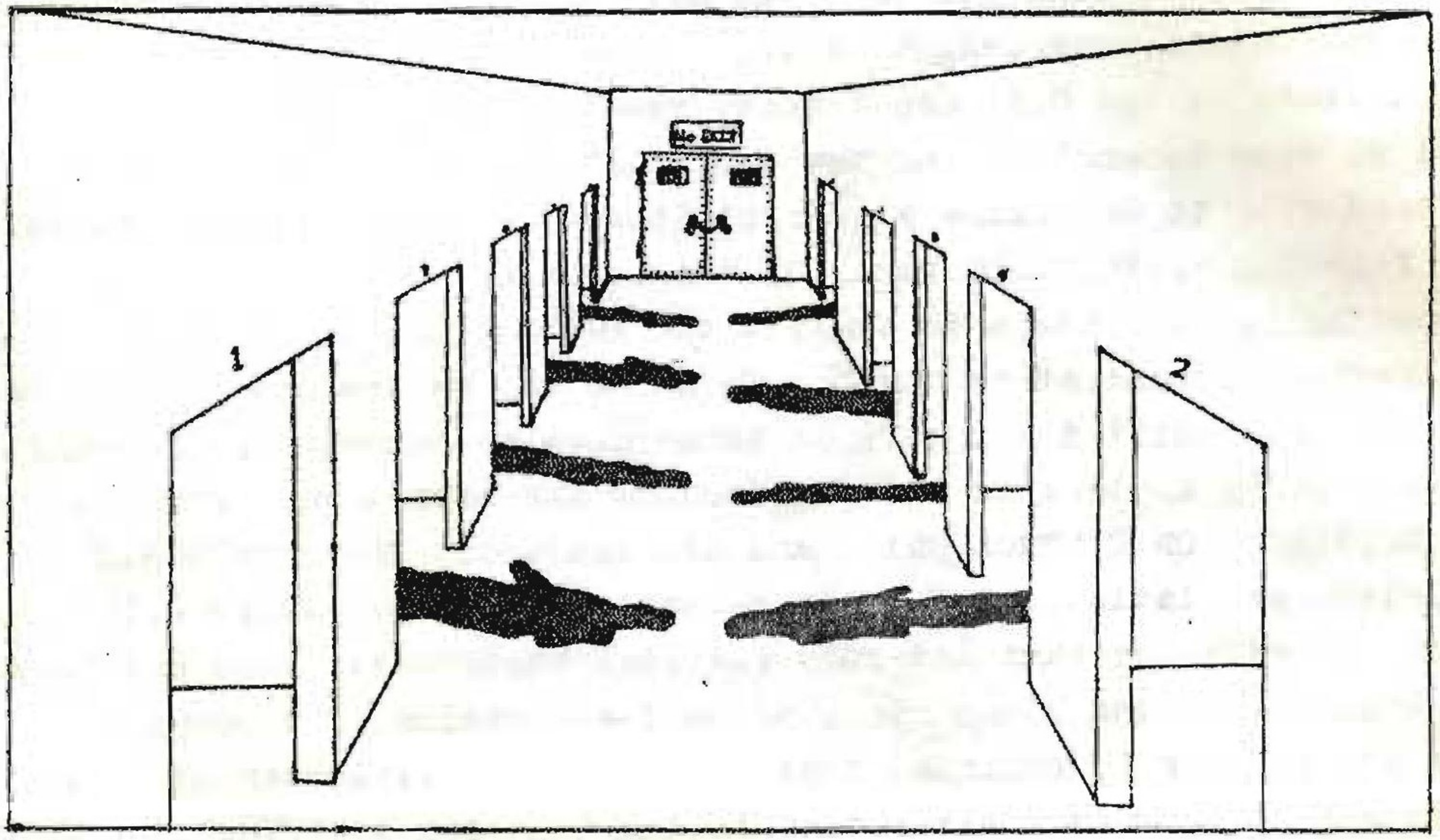
As each day comes and goes now and more sophisticated forms of dehumanization, expoitation, repression, etc., are constantly being developed by the perpetrators of the U.S. neo-fascist capitalist system. Thus, it is essential we stop to analyze the new difficulties, problems and situations we are faced with to determine a correct line of action. If not, we will continue fighting against old forms of exploitation.

Accordingly, we attempt to analyze the real concrete situation here at the U.S. Marion Koncentration Kamp. In doing so, we are now able to see with clarity the modified and refined techniques of behavior modification as they are now being applied to those prisoners who have been buried in the BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION CONTROL UNITS and are gradually being released to the general prison population. But their release is woven together with various conditions - conditions that not only restrict their activities and movement but also their basic and human right of self-expression of thought.

They are constantly reminded that the slightest violation of these conditions will result in their return to the BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION CONTROL UNITS. But, as can be seen, they are being released from one form of behavior modification to a hidden-like-form of behavior modifcation which, in effect, is also designed to break their wills and dignity as human beings and reduce them to mere robots. Hence, the game-plan is quite obvious: Turn the entire Marion Koncentration Kamp into one large BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION UNIT!

These modified and refined behavior modification techniques have the same degrading psychological effect as the so-called old techniques. The new techniques are merely the old in disguise. The effects are the same in as much as the deterioration of intellectual and emotional capabilities are often so great that individuals are no longer capable of realizing their own deterioration or caring, as they are very subtly processed and programmed to accept without resistance the authoritarian principles of prison administrators who, in reality, are nothing more than pawns who themselves have been brainwashed by the capitalist ruling class into believing that the Amerikan way of life is the best.

Most recently the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice released their report of their findings of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Behavior Modification Research Center, soon to be opened in Butner, North Carolina, under the directorship of Dr. Martin Grader who, incidentally, created and developed the Asklepieon Society here at Marion, which is based on behavior modification techniques such as Synanon-Group Attack Therapy and Transactional Analysis in an intense effort to turn prisoners against each other and to spy and report to authorities the activities of other prisoners.



Dr. Grader was interviewed by the Commission for Racial Justice, and his response to many questions put forth to him by the various members of the commission were often couched in generalizations and euphemisms. For instance, when asked what the mission of the Behavior Modification Research Center would be. He stated: "The mission of the center will be the treatment of mentally disturbed and violent offenders, for research leading to the management and correction of such behavioral problems...and serious deviant behavior." He does not define exactly what constitutes behavioral problems and deviant behavior. And despite his efforts to conceal the real intent of the Behavior Modification Research Center, the commission was still able to gather sufficient evidence to conclude in their final report that the mission of the center is to remold and shape the thought process of those prisoners who speak out against the inhumanities of the prison system,

and that it will be left up to prison guards to define what constitutes deviant behavior and select prisoners they feel should be sent to the Behavior Modification Research Center.

As a result of modifying and refining these behavior modification techniques, prison officials are now proceeding to present them to the public as humane, in an ever increasing effort to deceive the masses and undermine the legal litigations now pending in the courts of law.

In bringing to light these modified and refined behavior modification techniques, we begin to formulate tactics that will result in victory. These tactics include educating the masses to these so-called new and sophisticated forms of repression, exploitation, etc., so that they will also concentrate their efforts to developing tactics that will place them in positions to emerge victorious in whatever their plans may be to help stop behavior modification.

If not, the perpetrators of the U.S. neo-fascist capitalist system will certainly succeed with their plans to turn all potential revolutionary-freedom fighters now in prison into mere robots, who will later be released to infiltrate movement organizations. Those prisoners who they will not be able to turn into robots will in all probability, never leave prison alive. Already we are seeing the brainwashed Asklepieon Society members being transferred to other federal koncentration kamps for the purpose of implementing other alike behavior modification programs. And it will not be long before these very same programs will be implemented across the nation for members of society.

Only when we have succeeded in completely wiping out behavior modification, could we open up a new situation, paving the way for new victories for our revolutionary-freedom fighters and the masses. To succeed, it is essential that we create favorable conditions for this battle by launching numerous offensives on various battle fronts and by intensifying preparations on the Butner Behavior Modification Research Center battlefield.

Thus, we must unite and make a joint effort to STOP behavior modification before it stops us all. Our activities and movement are limited, but we are certainly making every effort to do what we can considering our circumstances in here. We, like many out there, are on the path from which there is NO return. On this path, we will encounter many pains and sufferings. But these pains and sufferings will be soothed by the enormous amount of love we possess for those whom we struggle for and are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for: The oppressed peoples of the world.

We embrace you with all our revolutionary fervor! ---three comrades

Marion, Illinois

— OLYMPIA BOMBING — George Jackson Brigade

On June 1, 1975, the offices of the Washington State Department of Corrections in Olympia were bombed. The George Jackson Brigade claimed credit for the bombing, and issued the following communique.

There has been an ongoing debate recently over national and local law enforcement policies. On the issue of the criminal sentencing process, for example, there appears to be a conflict of opinion between conservative law and order advocate Bayley (the recently promoted county prosecutor) and liberal judge Horowitz. Bayley adopts a get tough attitude toward crime, the old lock 'em up syndrome which has proven so ineffective in the past. Horowitz, on the other hand, says warehousing criminals is not only ineffective, it is cruel, and suggests "treatment" of the offender. Neither Bayley or Horowitz deals with the type of hypocrisy that allows Nixon and gang to escape justice while the poor and confused are made example of by the courts.

Crime is not some sort of a disease that suddenly possesses an individual and causes them to act criminally, and which requires treatment in order for the offender to be rehabilitated. Nor is crime a problem resolvable by increasing the sentences of the offender. Every day prisoners are released from prison. Give them longer sentences and people would still be leaving the prison every day; the only difference would be in the degree of anger felt by the released prisoner. The anger gets taken out on the community. The problem has not been solved, simply prolonged and aggravated, like the way Ford deals with the economy.

Crime is the natural response for those caught between poverty and the Amerikan culture of greed, aggression, sexism, and racism. The increasing level of crime is a measure of the sickness of our society; treating or punishing individuals will have little effect on the rate of crime. Sexual aggression against women, for example, has its roots in the sexist attitudes of men. Rape is the logical extension of the sickness of viewing women as objects to be used or abused like any other possession. Gary Addison Taylor says he hates women. This is not surprising as sexism is rooted in hate. The difference between Gary Addison Taylor and the average sexist male is simply a matter of degree.

What is going to stop crime is when people get together and drive our criminal ruling class and its fascist government up against the wall. Crime will be eliminated when people create a society based on human need rather than greed; a society in which our children are taught that the object in life is something other than making a buck

or being sexy. The Amerikan people support the most notorious criminals in existence; U.S. imperialism. Our high standard of living comes from the outright plunder of the "free" world, especially Third World countries. We share the loot stolen from the mouths of hungry children in Africa, Korea, and even here in Amerika, and then wonder why our society is so violent. If people want a better society, they can start by becoming active feminists, anti-racists, and anti-imperialists. The ruling class is white, male, and imperialist.

Notwithstanding the rhetoric of the great debaters, the state's actual response to crime is to respond with terrorism. Just as the recapture of the Mayaguez was an international act of terrorism, so too is the shooting of unarmed blacks such as Joe Hebert. The national and state governments are so unstable that the only way in which they can maintain "order" is through the selective use of terrorism. Those who maintain rule through the use of terror are fascists. Revolutionary counterterror is the appropriate response to fascist lawlessness.

Maintaining order is not only a problem of the urban and rural governments, it is a growing problem inside the nation's prisons as well. In an attempt to maintain order within the nation's prisons the government has implemented the practice of behavior modification techniques on prisoners who resist the command to be silent in the face of slavery and mind torture. The effect of behavior modification is to grant freedom to those who are dishonest and deceitful enough to mouth the master's line, and to punish with long term confinement those who are politically or legally active in trying to create a better society.

The "treatment concept" is a euphemism for psychofascism. It consists of electroshock, psychosurgery, massive druggings, averse conditioning, sensory deprivation, and more. Such practices have found their way into the nation's schools, especially in high poverty areas. In fact, it was to stop such abuses that the Symbionese Liberation Army executed school superintendent Marcus Foster.

In order to effectively apply the treatment concept, the Adult Corrections Division needs the power to move prisoners from prison to prison (or hospital). The prisoners at Walla Walla realize this fact, and in an attempt to limit the state's power to transfer prisoners, they made the following demands central to their struggle: Demand VI (k) "That no member of the population shall ever be transferred to another mental or psychiatric facility out of state unless personally requested by the prisoner in writing. Demand VI (l) goes on to say "That no member of the population shall ever be transferred to another penal facility in any location unless personally requested by the prisoner in writing." These demands were so important to the prisoners that they followed them up with the only threat of violence in the entire list of demands. VI (m) "That if the foregoing insistance indicated in items (k) and (l) are not honored, the Resident Government Council shall see to the destruction of the Washington State Penitentiary." Prisoners also demanded the removal of the chief doctor, the head nurse, and the associate superintendent of custody. When negotiations failed, prisoners seized 8 wing and the hospital and used hostages in an attempt to push their demands forward.

Today is exactly six months from the final deadline prisoners set for the implementation of their demands. Not a single demand has been met. Today's bombing of the offices of the Washington State Department of Corrections is a measure of our determination to see the implementation of the just demands of the Walla Walla prisoners. We of the George Jackson Brigade hereby demand: (A) That the state give prisoners the power to decide for themselves whether or not they want to be transferred; (B) Stop the use and threatened use of psychofascist techniques on the minds of prisoners and school children; (C) The removal of three administrators, Dr. August Hovnanian, hospital surgeon, James Harvey, associate superintendent for custody, and Mrs. Eva Nelson, chief nurse. And (D) That the prison administration follow the Resident Government Council's constitution and otherwise follow the law (the R.G.C. must be permitted to exist).

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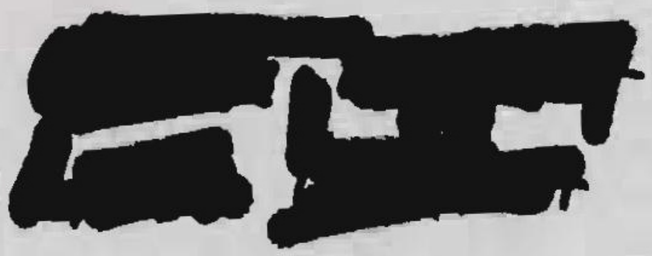

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